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SUBJECT: SAG VIEW ON TRANSKEI-SOUTH AFRICAN BREAK IN RELATIONS

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AN OFFICER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WHO IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH TRANSKEIN MATTERS TOLD EMBOFF
APRIL 17 THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WAS TAKEN COMPLETELY
BY SURPRISE BY CHIEF MATANZIMA'S DECISION TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WHILE MATANZIMA HAD MADE
REPEATED BELLIGERENT NOISES, THE OFFICIAL SAID, THE SAG HAD NOT
TAKEN THESE SERIOUSLY. DFA WAS PARTICULARLY SURPRISED SINCE IT
HAD PROMISED THE CHIEF A FORMAL REPLY TO HIS LAND CLAIMS, AND
THIS WAS STILL IN PREPARATION WHEN MATANZIMA TOOK UNILATERAL
ACTION. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE OFFICIAL SAID, DFA
IS CONVINCED THAT TRANSKEI'S REAL MOTIVE IN BREAKING RELATIONS
WAS NOT THE LAND QUESTION BUT A DESIRE TO IMPROVE ITS INTER-
NATIONAL IMAGE AND BRING AN END TO ITS INTERNAL POLITICAL
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